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Department of the Army

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Army, Network Enterprise Technology, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department of the Army, Network Enterprise Technology Command announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by [insert 60 days from publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer,
Directorate of Oversight and Compliance, Regulatory and Audit Matters Office, 9010
Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-9010.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Headquarters, Network Enterprise Technology Command , Military Auxiliary Radio System, Salado, TX 76571, ATTN: Paul English, or call 254-947-3141.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

TITLE; ASSOCIATED FORM; AND OMB NUMBER: Application to Operate a Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) Station, Army MARS Form AM-1, OMB Control Number 0702-TBD.

NEEDS AND USES: The information collection requirement is necessary to operate a Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) Station. The MARS program is a civilian

auxiliary consisting primarily of licensed amateur radio operators who are interested in assisting the military with communications on a local, national, and international basis as an adjunct to normal communications and providing worldwide auxiliary emergency communications during times of need. The information collection requirement is necessary not only an application to join ARMY MARS, but to maintain an accurate roster of civilians enrolled in the program for the purpose of providing contingency communications support to the Department of Defense. Additionally, the collected information is used by the MARS program manager to determine an individual's eligibility for the program, as well as to initiate a background investigation should a security clearance be required; used to show the geographic dispersion of the members who participate in the global High Frequency radio network in support of the Department of Defense; and to ensure our radio spectrum authorizations cover the geographic areas from which our members will operate. The information is also used periodically to email informational updates about the MARS program.

AFFECTED PUBLIC: Individual members of the general public, business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions

ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS: 138

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 550

RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT: 1

AVERAGE BURDEN PER RESPONSE: 15 minutes

FREQUENCY: On occasion, individuals and FCC licensed Amateur Radio operators will indicate a desire to join the Army MARS program. These interested individuals are required to submit the "Application to Operate a MARS Station" for verification of

individual requirements/certification and acceptance before acceptance into the program. Once accepted into the MARS program, the information provided on the application is entered into the MARS membership database so the Program Manager has an accurate and current roster of all individuals who are members of Army MARS. The member information specifically the email address, is used by the Program Manager to send out general information about the MARS program, upcoming training events and other related activities. The member phone number is also used on occasion contact members to discuss the MARS program and gain their insight and observations. The postal address is used to create a general overview of where MARS members are located throughout the world and map radio network coverage the postal address is also used to mail certificates of achievement and appreciation to those members who excel in participation supporting the MARS program. The date of birth is used to verify applicants meet the minimum age requirement for MARS program inclusion and to initiate a security clearance background check (if required).

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